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to quadrupeds, having in preparation his great work on this subject, and a document in my possession throws a quaint light on his researches at this time, as well as the thoughtfulness of the mayor in protecting the "inhabitants" from stray shots. The following is a reproduction of the document.—F. H. KENNARD, *Newton Centre, Mass.*

*Mayors Office.  
New York Aug<sup>20</sup> 1841*

*Permission is hereby given Mr Audubon  
or his son, to shoot Rats at the Battery  
early in the morning, so as not to  
expose the inhabitants in the vicinity  
to danger.*

*Robert H. Morris  
Mayor*

**A Correction.**—In the article by Thurston and Boyle on Long Island birds in 'The Auk,' XXX, line three, page 545, 'Ruby-crowned Kinglet' should read Golden-crowned Kinglet.—HENRY THURSTON, *American Museum of Natural History, New York City.*